

Appl. No.: 09/964,306
Amdt. dated August 14, 2003
Reply to Office action of May 22, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office Action dated May 22, 2003, the Examiner: (1) rejected claims 1-23 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Smith et al.* in view of *Hogan et al.* alone, or in combination with another reference.

With this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 12 and 21. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable over the art of record.

I. CLAIMS 1-11

Amended claim 1 comprises an L-shaped AC section. Claim 1 finds support in the specification, page 6, paragraph [0020] and Figures 2 and 3.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither *Smith et al.* nor *Hogan et al.* nor any of the other cited references teach, suggest or even imply an L-shaped AC section. Thus, claim 1 is allowable over the art of record.

Claims 2-11, which depend from claim 1, include additional patentable limitations and find support throughout the specification.

II. CLAIMS 12-20

Amended claim 12 comprises an L-shaped AC section. Claim 12 finds support in the specification, page 6, paragraph [0020] and Figures 2 and 3.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither *Smith et al.* nor *Hogan et al.* nor any of the other cited references teach, suggest or even imply an L-shaped AC section. Thus, claim 12 is allowable over the art of record.

Claims 13-20, which depend from claim 12, include additional patentable limitations and find support throughout the specification.

III. CLAIMS 21-23

Amended claim 21 comprises an L-shaped modular means for interconnecting AC input power to a power supply module. Claim 21 finds support in the specification, page 6, paragraph [0020] and Figures 2 and 3.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither *Smith et al.* nor *Hogan et al.* nor any of the other cited references teach, suggest or even imply an L-shaped modular means for interconnecting AC input power to a power supply module. Thus, claim 21 is allowable over the art of record.

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Claims 22-23, which depend from claim 21, include additional patentable limitations and find support throughout the specification.

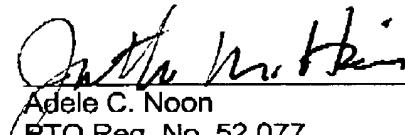
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite the resolution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicants may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the prior art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

If any fees or time extensions are inadvertently omitted or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Hewlett-Packard Company Deposit Account Number 08-2025 and enter any time extension(s) necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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